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DLNR CHECKS STREAMS, DAMS AND RESERVOIRS BEFORE WEEKEND'S FORECAST RAINS

HONOLULU – In preparation for weekend forecasts of heavy rain and possible flooding, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) this week has been conducting inspections of unencumbered state lands and stream areas to be sure they are clear of debris.

DLNR's O'ahu Land Maintenance Crew checked state-owned streams under the department's management, to be sure that they were clear of debris. They also completed repairs to a portion of Hau'ula Ditch that was damaged by the heavy rains of December 11, 2008.

On O'ahu the crew performs regularly scheduled quarterly maintenance of State-owned streams. Inspections are also performed before and after (and sometimes during) known storm events to look for any problems.

On the neighbor islands, DLNR staff regularly inspects known trouble spots for any problems before storm events. Staff also perform routine checks for problems during the year.

DLNR's Dam Safety Unit is continuing to monitor dams and reservoirs, including:

O'ahu:
Lake Wilson, Wahiawa
Helemano 11, Reservoir, Waialua
Nu'uuanu Reservoir, Nu'uuanu

Kaua'i:
Alexander Reservoir, Kalaheo
Kaloko Reservoir, Kilauea
Pu 'u Ka Ele Reservoir, Kilauea

DLNR staff have also contacted principal emergency response agencies to reconfirm emergency procedures are ready to be activated if necessary. These include the U.S. Geological Survey, State Civil

Defense, Honolulu Board of Water Supply and City and County Department of Emergency Management.

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